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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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REDUCTION IN CALL CHARGES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand from telecom industry for reduction of duties, like revenue share, spectrum charges and other duties ;

(b) if so, whether 28% of call charges presently go back to the Government in the form of various duties ;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to reduce these duties as a part of its measures to bring down call charges considerably; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d) A committee has been constituted to study the present structure of taxes and levies applicable in the telecom sector.